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POLYPEPTIDES (Amended)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In connection with the Request for a Continued Prosecution Application, entry of the amendments and consideration of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

AMENDMENTS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Twice amended) An antibody or antigen binding fragment thereof which is specifically reactive with a polypeptide or an antigen fragment thereof, wherein the polypeptide is characterized as:

- a) having an amino acid sequence corresponding to the carboxy terminal amino acids of a connective tissue growth factor (CTGF) protein;
- b) binding to heparin and being eluted from heparin with about 0.8 M salt; and

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